

## SECOND QUARTER 2014

**ISSUES COVERED:** Local Government

**Length:** 11 min.

**DATE/TIME AIRED:** 04/06 @ 7:30am

Fayetteville City Councilman Bobby Hurst said the city is behind the efforts to save the 440<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Fort Bragg. He said he was proud of the bipartisan efforts put forth by Representative, Price, McIntyre, Ellmers and Hudson stop the closure. When asked about possible property tax increases Mr. Hurst said most councilmembers want to go through the budget workshop with a fine tooth comb to see if there are areas to cut before deciding on any increase. Hurst said that while people may be frustrated about the federal or state budgets, the local budget is fairly lean. Hurst said that any taxes would be used primarily to fund a requested 68 additional police officers. Hurst said that there are also storm water issues in District 5 that need to be addressed. In addition, Deputy City Manager Rochelle Small Toney is requesting \$700,000 to create a new economic development department. When asked about the Prince Charles Hotel, Hurst said that it is time for the building to come down because it has become a safety hazard. Mr. Hurst said that fellow councilman Ted Mohn has reintroduced a scaled back version of the proposed parks and recreation issue, primarily to get it back on the table for discussion.

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Fayetteville City Mayor Nat Robertson said he wanted to see mass transit in Fayetteville expanded into a regional system. He said he met with the mayors of Spring Lake and Hope Mills along with the Garrison Commander of Fort Bragg and the head of the Cumberland County, County Commissioners to discuss the expansion. At their second meeting, they invited government officials of Hoke and Harnett Counties to join the talks. Robertson said that funding would be an issue because he did not want Fayetteville residents to pay more for services than they are already paying. Robertson said that mass transit is one of the key issues that businesses look at when relocating. Robertson also spoke about the upcoming Safe Street Symposium, and said that tickets are almost sold out. Local law enforcement will be at the symposium, as will the FBI, SBI, judges and other law related agencies. The mayor said that they have requested legislation so that Fayetteville can operate red light cameras. Robertson said the people of Fayetteville will benefit from the cameras if auto insurance rates drop because of a decrease in accidents. The mayor said they council has sent a resolution to the General assembly asking for a change in the wording of the red light camera law so that the city can charge more for tickets.

**ISSUES COVERED: Faith on Campus**

**Length: 6 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 04/06 @ 7:54am**

Rachel from Reaching the Unreached Student Harvest (RUSH) said that many people say that God is not allowed in public schools but she says the idea is incorrect because students have a constitutional right to live out their faith. Rachel said that means that students can pray at school, they can pass out religious literature, they can share their faith and can get together for religious purposes. She said that RUSH empowers students to put their faith into action to change their schools. RUSH was created by the pastor at Manna Church and has grown to include over 20 schools in Cumberland and Harnett Counties. She said the club have many outreaches, including providing breakfast for faculty and picking up trash on campus.

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Fayetteville City Councilwoman Katie Ann Davie said she enjoyed the Safe Street Symposium. She said it included members of the community, neighborhood watch groups, city officials and members of law enforcement agencies. Davy said all have a common goal of reducing crime and creating a safer community. Davy said the presentation included speakers from the military, city, county and the judicial system. Davy called the platform a good start. Davy said that just hiring more police officers will not solve the crime problem. She said it will take an effort by the entire community to put a serious reduction on the crime rate. Davy said the city is going to put up surveillance cameras through out downtown, a ploy that has worked for other communities. As far as invasion of privacy, Davy said that people have cameras and video recorders on the cell phones. So everything that people do stands a possibility of being recorded.

**ISSUES COVERED: Health**

**Length: 18 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 04/13 @ 7:41am**

Pat Mingle, Ken Winchell and Peggy Winchell talked about Pulmonary Fibrosis (PF). Peggy had PF before receiving a double lung transplant. PF is an incurable disease that hardens the lungs so that victims have difficulty breathing. The disease becomes increasingly worse and often causes death. When asked how she contracted the disease, Peggy said she was misdiagnosed with a muscular dystrophy illness, which she said led to the PF. Pat Mingle said the disease is usually a death sentence, and that efforts are underway to build awareness and secure funds for research. Pat said there are some drugs that may soon be approved. Ken was asked what life was like when his wife was diagnosed. Ken said for 11 days there was a whirlwind of hospital visits and doctor appointments. He was working in the PD Forensic Unit when he received a call that Peggy had been diagnosed with PF. He looked it up on the Internet and was shocked to see that the life expectancy of a person with PF is five years. Ken said, "Long story short, Peggy made a remarkable recovery. She is my rock and I love her dearly." Peggy said she survived 7 years before receiving a lung transplant. She had to take oxygen wherever she went. Peggy said that many who have a lung transplant find that the donated organs are rejected by the body. She is one of the lucky ones.

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**Length: 27 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 04/27@ 7:30am**

Fayetteville city councilman Ted Mohn spoke of downtown surveillance cameras that have been recently installed. Mohn said there are 10 cameras in the Festival Park area. Police Chief Harold Medlock was able to buy 5 of them with drug forfeiture funds, and the Downtown Alliance bought five more. Addressing a question of personal privacy, Mohn said the right to privacy is a little different when you are downtown as opposed to in your home or on your own property. Mohn said the council was also looking at technology that can pinpoint where a gunshot is coming from. Mohn said the military has used it for years. Mohn said he believes that Fayetteville still needs more police officers on active patrol in neighborhoods. However, much of their time is spent responding to calls and then doing paperwork. Mohn said the officers have to have time to drive through neighborhoods, meet the citizens and establish a relationship. Mohn said that is part of Chief Medlock's plan. He said hiring more officers will allow police to be more proactive. Concerning the surveillance cameras, Mohn said they would be useful in pinpointing where officers need to go when a crime is being committed. He said the cameras can be moved and could be relocated based on crime trends. When asked about truancy officers, Mohn said that's an idea he would like to present to the chief. Presently, all county schools have sheriff's deputies serving as resource officers. He

believes that the idea of truancy officers could be presented to the City-County Liason Committee, and perhaps as a way to invite more city and county cooperation between law enforcement agencies. Mohn also spoke of the Parks and rec initiative. He believes that the issue should be presented in a referendum to let voters decide.

ISSUES COVERED: Politics

Length: 14 min

DATE/TIME AIRED: 05/04 @ 7:30am

Linda Devore, Chairwoman of the Cumberland County Republican Party said we have cone of the hottest races in the country now, with 12 or 13 candidates for the US Senate race, including 8 repulbicans, 3 democrats and 2 libertarians. Devore was critical of some Kay Hagan political ads, because a sound bite of Republican candidate Thom Tillis sounded very edited. When asked how she thought the race was going, Devore said that with 8 republican candidates all in one primary, it may be hard for one candidate to reach to 40% threshold and avoid a second primary in July. She said at a recent straw poll in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, Tills pulled 47%. Devore said the party is holding their annual Ronald Reagan Day fundraiser dinner on May 15, and the candidate that wins the May 6 primary will speak at the event. When asked where the Republican HQ are located, Devore said they do not have a permanent location. However, they will open an office the first week of June. They have a location in mind but have not yet signed a lease. Devore was pushing for informed voters, and learning about the candidates. She reminded voters that this year, for the first time, there will be no straight party voting, so knowing the candidates is crucial. Devore said that often people will not go down far enough on the ballot to vote in the nonpartisan judicial races, but they are very important. Devore said the party will try to get out fliers to citizens so that people know who the candidates are that are running for judicial office. She said we will be electing the majority of the North Carolina Supreme Court this year, and that is significant.

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Vicky Andrews, Chairwoman of the Fayetteville Democratic Party said she was concerned because early voting turnouts have been very light. She stopped at one site a couple of hours after the polling station opened and only 8 people had voted. Andrews said that is not a good sign. She said that she thinks there will be a couple of runoff elections in July because with the crowded field, it's unlikely that anybody will reach the 40% threshold. Andrews spoke of a Public Policy Polling survey that showed Thom Tillis surging ahead for the Republican primary. Andrews said that she believes the Public Policy Polling is a reliable source. Regarding misinformation in political attack ads, Andrews said that you have to pay attention to see who is paying for the ad because that will determine the slant or spin. Andrews said that everybody needs to do their homework in getting to know the candidates. She feels the best way to get to know a candidate is to speak with them live.

**ISSUES COVERED: Local Pageant Contestant**

**Length: 12 min**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 05/11 @ 7:30am**

Miss NC USA Olivia Olvera was our guest. She will be competing for the Miss USA title. Olivia says that former Miss North Carolina Brooke McLaurin is her roll model. Olivia says she grew up as a tomboy at South View High School in Hope Mills. Her mother bet her \$100 that she would not put on a pair of heels and get in the Miss South View Pageant. She did and won, both the money and the pageant! After the pageant she focused on volleyball at school and forgot about the pageants. She describes herself as a dancing queen, pro dog walker, baseball junkie, human jukebox, lover of fishing, standup comedian and lover of the sun. She was recently in Dancing With the Fayetteville Stars, a fundraiser that raised a lot of money for Fayetteville Urban Ministry. Olivia says she bought her title. She is currently on the cover page of City View Magazine and will soon be the cover story for Up & Coming Weekly. The Miss USA Pageant will be June 8 in Baton Rouge, La. Fayetteville Mayor Nat Robertson is having a send-off party for her May 22 from 3-5pm at City Hall.

**ISSUES COVERED: City Property & IT Issues**

**Length: 17 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 05/11 @ 7:42am**

Clarence Briggs, CEO of AIT was one of the proposed new owners of the Prince Charles Hotel. However, Briggs found out that the hotel and the property around it, were being sold separately. While the auction is coming up Briggs says that buyers should be aware of the cost of buying the surrounding property, which is more expensive than the hotel. Who wants a hotel with no parking lot? Briggs says there are homeless people going in and out of the hotel, yet city police say the building is secure. Police claim they have seen no signs of entry. Briggs says they should get out of their patrol cars and take a look. Briggs owns the property this is adjacent to the Prince Charles. Briggs also spoke of the storm water drainage problem in Fayetteville. According to Briggs, the city has identified \$40 million worth of storm water problems, but have not done anything about them. Briggs says that city streets are beginning to crumble because of the runoff, and that water goes to the sewer system that leads to the Cape Fear River. Much of the drinking water in Fayetteville comes from the Cape Fear, and the storm water runoff is filled with contaminants. He said they make a flexible sleeve that can extend the life of drainage systems, and that the city should look into it. Briggs says that the storm water buildup on city streets has been responsible for train derailments and sinkholes. When asked about the computer problems at Target, Briggs, a computer expert, said the company had a safety system in place, but the hackers moved the server inside of Target. According to Briggs, the store ignored all the warning signs. When asked if he would use a credit or debit card at Target, Briggs said, "No. The best thing to use is cash."

**ISSUES COVERED: Counseling for Women**

**Length: 17 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 05/18 @ 7:30am**

Audrie Sifuentes, board certified Christian Counselor, has Daughters of Christ Ministry, a non-profit counseling service. The ministry was created for charitable, religious and education purposes. It includes a Christian outreach and counseling for women. All services are free. The ministry operates on funds donated by contributors. Audrie says they help identify the problems their clients have, and then find a biblical precept to help address the problems. The ministry is located in Raeford, but does most of its work in Cumberland County churches and safe homes. On their web page they have testimonials from women they have helped. Daughters of Christ Ministry is having a conference July 25 and 26 at Holiday Inn Bordeaux. Interested women should register by June 30. The registration fee is \$89 for the two days. The conference will include nationally known speaker Leslie Vernick, who has done segments of Focus on the Family.

**ISSUES COVERED: Veteran's Issue**

**Length: 11 minutes**

**DATE/TIME AIRED: 05/18 @ 7:47am**

**Mike Baker from "Run For the Wall" was our guest. Baker said the run (done on motorcycles) will begin in Los Angeles and continue across the country making stops along the way. The run is to raise awareness of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall, and POW & MIA soldiers. The motorcyclists will start with around 700 riders and will grow to extend 26 miles in length as more riders join the convoy. The organizers will then break the group into three routes. They will all converge in Washington DC on the 24<sup>th</sup> for a memorial at the Wall. About 1,000 of the bikers will roar into Fayetteville on the 21<sup>st</sup>, coming down 87 to Hay Street. Mayor Nat Robertson will close off Hay Street during the convoy. The bikers will participate in ceremony at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum when they arrive. They will spend two days in Fayetteville, being housed and fed at Destiny Now Church. Local riders can join the convoy. For more information, go to [Runforthe Wall.org](http://RunfortheWall.org). On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, registration will be available at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux**